

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on February 9, 2016 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson  
Mark Raymond, Clerk  
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate  
John Aforismo, Alternate

Members Absent: Chris Lyons  
Jennifer Wolf  
Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator  
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Ovian read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on January 28, 2016.

**APPLICATION NO. 4469-16.** Robert Keleher seeks to install replacement windows on the Marsh Building and to construct a new egress door with an overhang, landing, stairs and railing by the glass atrium at 250 Main Street.

Robert Keleher, 250 Main Street; Dana Warren, 18 Maple Avenue, Barrington, RI; Scott Schroeder, 28 Round Hill Road, Farmington; and Matt Legeyt, 2 Pearson Way, Enfield; appeared before the Commission. The building is located at 11 Marsh Street. The upper part of the building is a worship space. In order to properly have egress according to building code, there needs to be an exit to ground level. An artist's rendering of the proposed changes was submitted. Site plans and an existing survey were submitted. There will be a 36" door to match the existing panel type doors. It will have no glass. The deck and stairs will be concrete. The pier will be brick to match the building. The rails will be clear glass with a thin metal cap and will be a Hanson structural glass system. They are trying to keep the design very simple. The exit would be used for an emergency exit. There will still be a main entrance that will not change. The standing seam awning will have a pre-patina to the brown color. The lighting will be simple egress lighting. It hasn't been selected yet, but it will mirror the lights used at the main entrance.

The building has the original 1950 wood sash windows. The windows will be replaced in the same size, double-hung and same light patterns will be used. The existing panel trim will be renovated and painted white. It will not be replaced. A sample window was provided. They would like to use Marvin Ultimate double-hung next generation windows in the color white. It is a low E, simulated divided light, aluminum clad window. The window has factory applied brick mold casing that is very similar to the existing windows. The glass area is close to the original windows. The muntin width is 1 1/8". They will have a full screen. The screen will have a support bar. The bar is always going to meet the check rail so it won't be visible.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4470-16.** Jonathan Wuerth seeks to relocate two (2) existing granite fence posts with dimensions of 5"x7"x36" to be placed on either side of an underground electrical pipe for electrical service to meet code requirements at 160 Main Street.

Kristin Stearley, 505 Silas Deane Highway, appeared before the Commission. They would like to relocate two existing granite fence posts to either side of an underground electrical pipe for electrical service. They upgraded the service on the house and the contractor wanted to maintain the underground wire. The posts are required to meet code requirements. There are currently three posts on the property and two will be relocated to either side of the electrical service. Pictures were submitted.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Bucknam, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Aforismo, Bucknam

**APPLICATION NO. 4469-16.** Robert Keleher seeks to install replacement windows on the Marsh Building and to construct a new egress door with an overhang, landing, stairs and railing by the glass atrium at 250 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The screens for the Marvin Ultimate Double Hung Next Generation windows shall be in the mill finish (silver).
2. The exterior lighting for the new egress door shall match the existing exterior lighting and shall be installed either over the door or to the side of the door.
3. The new egress door shall be an embossed steel paneled door with no lights.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that the awning is contemporary, the railings are contemporary, the door is not contemporary, so it's possible that a traditional light will work with that but it is close to a contemporary railing and awning.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the railing will disappear. The awning is minimalistic. The door and light match the original structure. The elements that are really visible are more in keeping with the elements of the original structure.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Aforismo, Bucknam

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's an appropriate effort to accommodate modern safety requirements on a traditional building.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Aforismo, Bucknam

### **MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2016**

Left open until next meeting.

### **MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2016**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo, Bucknam

Abstain: Raymond

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

None.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Bucknam and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Aforismo, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond  
- Clerk -